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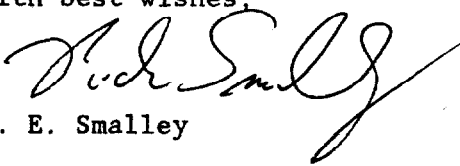
Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Yes, it appears that C_{60} is not completely inert. A number of groups have found that it is susceptible to oxidation, and a number of other reactions under the appropriate conditions.

Given your long interest in carbon, I thought you would enjoy seeing the enclosed attempt at a complete, up-to-date bibliography of C_{60} - related research. As you will see on careful reading there has yet to be a published study on the biological degradation and/or activity of C_{60} . Perhaps you would be interested in entering this area?

With best wishes,


R. E. Smalley

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